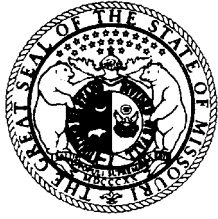


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Situation Report

Severe Storms with Flooding

May 20, 2004

A strong Storm system with heavy rains moved through the State from West To East, roughly along the Interstate 70 Corridor during the night of 18 and 19 May. The storm produced widespread rain with some areas receiving heavy amounts of rain from 1 to 8 inches. The most severe appeared to be in the Cass County Area south of Kansas City.

County/City Reports:

Kansas City/Jackson County: Heavy Rain was reported in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area and at 0200 on the 19th of May the Kansas City Emergency Operations Center was activated. Numerous low lying roads were flooded along with areas of the city that normally flood during heavy rain events. The emergency services were able to isolate flooded areas and redirect traffic. The city reported that 22 rescue operations did occur, helping motorists that drove into the flooded streets. The American Red Cross opened a hospitality center at one of the local churches to assist any persons that fled their homes to escape the flooding and will conducting preliminary damage assessment . The water has receded in the previously flooded areas.

Cass County: Cass county seemed to have the most severe damage, especially around the area of Lake Annette and Freeman, where residents of 4-5 homes needed assistance in evacuation. The Emergency Management Director reported that another 35-50 homes were damaged. The Local Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army opened shelters in the Freeman area to assist those evacuated from their homes.

Cooper County: Cooper County reported receiving over 6 inches of rain creating some flash flooding. There were some power outages in the Pilot Grove area that have been corrected. A culvert on Route HH was washed out. No assistance requested from the local officials.

Federal /State Actions:

SEMA is dispatching a Damage Assessment team to the Freeman/Lake Annette area of Cass County to conduct an Initial Damage Assessment of the area.

SEMA is continuing to monitor reports from the affected areas. In addition, FEMA was included on all of the reporting of incidents.

Other State Agency and Volunteer Agency Actions:

Department of Transportation: MoDOT crews assisted in the affected areas to insure roads were cleared of debris and opened as soon as it was feasible.

American Red Cross and other volunteer agencies are providing assistance to families and individuals that were adversely affected by the storm.

Point of Contact: SEMA Duty Officer after hours number is 573-751-2748, during normal duty hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.